



**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES UTILITY
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21ST, 2020
SUMMARY OF MINUTES**

The meeting for Kankakee Environmental Services Utility was held on Monday, December 21st, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom.

ESU Members Present

Ald Tyler Tall
Ald Michael Prude
Ald Stacy Gall
Ald Larry Osenga
Ald Danita Swanson
Ald Chris Curtis

Other Aldermen Present

Ald Carl Brown

Superintendent

Pete Schiel

ESU Staff Present

Clara Hall, Admin. Manager
Zach Newton, Operations
Dennis Doyle, Asst. Supt.

Others Present

Elizabeth Kubal
Mike McGrath

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I'd like to call the ESU meeting to order. Alright, we will start with public comments Item 1. Anybody for public comment for ESU hearing none then Item 2 we will go to Roll Call.

ROLL CALL

CLARA HALL:	Ald Tall - Present	Ald Swanson - Present
	Ald Prude – Present	Ald Curtis - Present
	Ald Gall - Present	Ald Tetter – Absent
	Ald Osenga - Present	Clerk Dumas – Absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we do have a quorum. Item 3 on the agenda is the approval of the minutes. May I have a motion to approve the minutes?

ALD OSENGA: So move.

ALD GALL: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Osenga and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. Any discussion on the minutes? Okay, Hearing none, Roll Call please.

CLARA HALL:	Ald Tall - Aye	Ald Swanson - Aye
	Ald Prude – Aye	Ald Curtis - Aye
	Ald Gall - Aye	Ald Tetter – Absent
	Ald Osenga - Aye	Clerk Dumas – Absent

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Item number for the approval of the bills. May I have a motion to approve?

ALD SWANSON: I'll make that motion.

ALD OSENGA: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Osenga. Any discussion on the bills? Alderman Osenga, you have the floor.

ALD OSENGA: Thank you Mayor. Bill #2917 Snyder Nursery for trees \$1,885.00

DENNIS DOYLE: We ordered some trees. I'm sure that's it.

ALD OSENGA: I'm sorry, I didn't hear all that Pete.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: That was Dennis I think.

DENNIS DOYLE: We planted some trees. I can get you the itemized bill.

ALD OSENGA: Alright, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion? Alderman Curtis? You're muted Alderman Curtis.

ALD CURTIS: There we go. Sorry about that. Go back toward the number. The Ryan Norwell Law for October and September, check #29656

ELIZABETH KUBAL: October represents half of September when she was onboarding with Kris Schmitz. That's why it's a little bit more. I'm sorry, September was the partial October was the first full one, so now it'll be \$7,500.00 ongoing, excuse me.

ALD CURTIS: Sorry, it was a different name from the personal name. Okay.

ELIZABETH KUBAL: Oh yeah, that's the name of our company.

ALD CURTIS: Yes, thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion? Okay, we'll do a Roll Call.

CLARA HALL:	Ald Tall - Aye	Ald Swanson - Aye
	Ald Prude – Aye	Ald Curtis - Aye
	Ald Gall - Aye (abstain on chk # 29763)	Ald Tetter – Absent
	Ald Osenga - Aye	Clerk Dumas – Absent

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORTS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Move on to Item 5 Monthly Activity Report and I will defer to Pete.

PETE SCHIEL: The monthly report is really comprehensive just want to point out a few items and then we'll go to the other staff members also, but we're working diligently with the architect and engineers, almost daily has been taking a lot of my time, focusing on ways that we can save funds on the rehab of that building. Also, too wanted to give everybody a heads up the lighting project for West

Avenue to Fifth Avenue. We're anticipating the lights the new streetlights to come in either this week or next. So, the contractor will be focusing on that. Mike McGrath and I and Zach and others have been diligently working with Jewel food store at 446 South Washington. We've been in constant contact with the EPA. So, we're going to continue on with that process. There was another report today that Zach was able to share and Mike McGrath, maybe you and I will touch base tomorrow if you don't mind on that situation. But, on page two, you can kind of see some of the spillage in that area. Thanks to DPW they were able to fill some of those puddles. But we did send them a violation notice. Other than that, Zach, would you like to fill in with some of the items that you've been working on?

ZACH NEWTON:

Sure Pete. This month was a really good month for us as far as sewer cleaning goes. We got a lost 3000 ft. of residential, industrial sewers clean. We had only six recalls. Stone Street, the lift station, the intake dampers, because the high the stress levels that we've that we've been experiencing over the past, they've completely deteriorated and they'll have to be replaced, fairly soon. A large sequel actually a couple large sequels to had opened up. Somewhat recently in the fields in between Taft School and St John Paul the Second Parish. Those were fixed. It was kind of an interesting situation for us on the maps that we have that date back to the 70's that line was shown as it was abandoned but what we found when we went to investigate it further is only half of the line was actually abandoned. The other half was actually in really good shape. So, what we did is we had the sinkholes and the bad portion of the line. Fix it is now properly abandoned the portion of line that we can keep, we are going to like I said it's in very good condition and we'll just keep an eye on that. Make sure everything is okay and no more sinkholes develop over there, but it should be fine. The last thing is just, there's a picture in there I just wanted to share with everyone on the board. Just what we find in routine cleaning every once in a while, there's a backup manhole, full of wastewater that's why we do what we do. There was no impact to the residents but if it was not addressed in a timely fashion there would have been. So, that's why you know we're out there, and the crew does a great job out there, proactively cleaning those sewers. That's all I got.

PETE SCHIEL: Thank you, Zach.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Hold on a minute Pete, Alderman Osenga has a question.

ALD OSENGA: Zach, that sinkhole over there by the school, could that been part of the major flooding issue over the years that we've had there that we've tried to look at a little bit. Could that be part of that?

ZACH NEWTON: We'll see that Sunday, It's, on a different line, but in a roundabout way it's still connected to the line but that kind of runs along the school field with the flooding. So, it very well may have kind of contributed to that, you know, at the at the very least, you know, it was probably putting in way more sediment and everything that I think I would feel comfortable. You know, getting into that line and everything. So, yeah, it very well may have made an impact I'm really hoping that this would just be one more step into fixing that problem for good.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

PETE SCHIEL: I also want to point out that our goal is to hit at least 4.7 miles per month and the guys were able to hit 5.3 miles this month which is a great, great step. Like I said, they've had two trucks out freezing cold, doing what they need to do to take care of the proactive measures as Zach said to, where we're keeping the sanitary sewer backups. The guys have a list of trouble spots that they hit, and they check quite frequently so we don't have those backups. Clara, do you have some things that you'd like to share on some of the projects you're working on?

CLARA HALL: I just have a couple things Pete. First of all, we have another employee out due to COVID. We have sprayed her office and we're making sure that everybody is okay. We also provided all the supplies or extra supplies for DPW so that they can follow the ESU routine in that building. Also, we are experiencing a high value of Aqua calls, landlords are a little disturbed. Apparently during COVID, they are not collecting as usual and that may affect our sewer and garbage payments. Also, we're still playing catch up with the guys being off. As soon as they returned we had to make sure that the lights downtown were installed and prepare for the light show and as soon as they are done with

the LaBeau Building, we'll get back in service with installing the LED street signs. That's all I have.

PETE SHIEL: Thank you very much Clara.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Pete, before you go on. Are there any questions for Clara? Okay.

PETE SCHIEL: Alan, do you have some items that you'd like to share in your report?

ALAN TORONJO: Yeah sure, thanks, Pete. As always, thorough summary in the Utility packet for the Lab side of things for November. Still following up receiving the industrial permits renewals due by the end of the year. It was a total of eight permits that were reviewed and then also renewed by May 1st of next year. I really wanted to bring to the attention of the board is Miscellaneous #17. We currently use PerkinElmer equipment for our older metals analysis and Mercury analysis, those are the workhorses of the pretreatment that we do for the Lab. With communication from our PerkinElmer Service Engineer comes out twice a year to our maintenance our equipment. Our current metals unit, Model A 400 is reached the end of its serviceable life. It was put in 2004 about 16 years ago. Right now, some repairs may be done only a best fit basis. There's a few parts for it that are hard to replace. We currently analyze about 20 to 25 samples per week in this piece of equipment for total about 500 to 600 metals analysis per month. Our current metals charge is \$52 per metal so this equipment brings in on average about \$25,000 per month in pre-treatment fees. So, I opened up communications with PerkinElmer, with a Sales Rep, and once quotes and other different companies are received, I'll go ahead and put that New Business for the future packets and other than that, that's about all I have.

PETE SCHIEL: Any questions for Alan on any of those topics? Okay. Dennis, can you share some activities with DPW?

DENNIS DOYLE: Basically, switched over from leaf pick up application. We finished that in pretty good time this year. We use the same equipment to plow snow as we do to pick the leaves up so it's kind of a scramble there and when the when the two overlap but it went just fine. We're trying to make use of this time, like I say in between. In

between snows, in between leaves, which are pretty much our busiest season. Clean sharpen redo equipment floater 2 is a down in the shop. The chassis is getting a major rebuild. So, we'll have that for the winter. Most of it's in your report.

PETE SCHIEL: Thank you. Any questions for Dennis?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: Dennis, do you still have a number of guys down with COVID? I know you had some issues over there. Is that still a major issue for you guys?

DENNIS DOYLE: We have one guy out at the moment, we had two there for a while but knock on wood, we're okay at the moment. It's like everybody else doesn't even have to be for people you know they can it can, you know, hit people's families and, you know, you end up, end up in a mess. Say we're doing the best we can.

ALD OSENGA: Okay, thank you.

PETE SCHIEL: Mayor, I think that concludes everything with the reports.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on the financials Item B on the Agenda.

PETE SCHIEL: Thank you, Mayor. We're at the seventh month mark, which is right around 58%, the Administration is at a 48.1%, Sewer Services group is at a 40.6%, Wastewater Treatment is at 58.6% at the 50 point mark. Technical Services is doing really well also with the 52.9%, the Laboratory Services is that a 41.1%. The Debt service is 58.3% Thank you, Elizabeth. Public Works is right where it needs to be, and we're at 49.1%. Overall the Utility expenses at the 58% mark is at 52.2%, which is approximately 5.8% below budget. On the Revenue side, we're at 59.1%, which is about 1.1 over the projected revenue report. Mayor that's where we're at with the financials. Any questions on that?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any questions on that.

ALD OSENGA: I do have one Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Hold on a minute. Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS:

Thank you, Mayor, I guess, addresses to Elizabeth. We've talked in the Budget about the liquidity, that the S&P would like us to see us at. Does that show on this particular report here? Because, we kind of do transfers of funds and different things of that nature, but how do we understand where the liquidity is at for ESU based on the 34 -37 days and they were referencing?

ELIZABETH KUBAL:

Right. So, I intended at the beginning of the year, once we get through all the things that happen at the end of the year to take a really hard look at this, because of their requests to look at the liquidity. I think it's really going to be like a flowing chart, quite honestly, so that we can see the in's and the out's just estimates of course, of what we think will be coming in and revenues what we think is going out the door, and we will be able to see that cash balance I think slowly grow. For instance, I still haven't yet this month it's a month not over with yet, I have not transferred the money from the bond that we took out for the LaBeau property. I have not transferred that money back to Operating yet. So, you'll see that by this time next month. So, I think we really got to get through December, and then start looking at that timeline and make sure that we are hitting those targets as we told SMP we would.

ALD CURTIS:

Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Osenga, you had a question?

ALD OSENGA:

Pete, one item under Contractual Services were 139% and we budgeted to 225 and we are at 315.

PETE SCHIEL:

So, there's a couple projects that are, that came into play. Obviously, some of those emergency repairs and those types of things are kind of difficult to identify as Zach incense mentioned over there by Taft. There's some work that Neil is doing on North Schuyler. A couple of little projects that we're doing in these buildings that are not accounted for. Once again, it's a prediction based on historic trends, and we do the best we can. But when these emergency type situations come up we need to address them.

ALD OSENGA:

Absolutely, I understand. Thank you.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright. Any other discussion? Okay, we'll move on to Item 6 which is Old Business and we have none, correct?

PETE SCHIEL: You are correct.

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Moving on Item 7 New Business.
Item A: ESU Evaluation for Harrison and Indiana Buildings.

PETE SCHIEL: As we had mentioned earlier, we're working diligently with engineers and Doug Bright, you the Utility Board approved, that evaluation process, just wanted to kind of share with you Langlois Roofing we had. Take a look at the different roofs on page two of 19, which is the second page in the packet. As you can see the Harrison building ended up getting a reading of D. on not only the section of the building that Code Enforcement will be in, but also, the ESU portion. With a Rating of D, that means there's about a two to four-year life expectancy left on that building. The Indiana building is in much worse state that ended up getting a rating of an F, which is less than one year. We've been addressing some of those items in house, obviously, now is not the time during this time of the year. The roof will not seal down, but we're doing our best possible scenario in house to seal that up. So basically, the summary shows you each building labeled number one number two and number three in your packet and kind of shows you the, the overall grade of each one of those. So, the Engineer and Architect's feedback on this scenario to totally, totally, remove the full roof deck and start fresh. With new roofs obviously you're investing quite a bit of capital into the inside of the building and want to ensure that it's watertight a total Roof Replacement would be about \$319,425. We have been working with Energy Resource Roofing for quite some time. It's an alternative solution that has been very successful. They're willing to do both of the roofs, instead of for \$319,425 but they're willing to do both for \$142,000 on both of those roofs. So, \$72,000 for the Indiana property and \$70,000 for the other. We've had extensive conversations with the Architect. We feel comfortable with this solution and this is something that well Doug and I believe needs to be addressed as soon as possible. And that's what we would like from this Utility Board is possibly getting a motion to

give us the opportunity to go ahead and take care of these before any more damage happens to the roof, as soon as, the weather breaks. So that's kind of what I'm asking today. It's about a 55.55% less over the traditional method but this would seal the roof and give us a 12-year material warranty that is approved by the manufacturer. In this case, what they would do is use a silicon top coat and a urethane base coat. Typically, it's about 15 mil for each layer and that is the kind of the industry standard and we'd like to see if we could get that motion accepted.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. May we have a motion to approve?

ALD GALL: I'll make a motion to approve.

ALD PRUDE: Second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Gall and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion? Alderman Curtis? You're on mute Alderman Curtis.

ALD CURTIS: Thank you. Is Energy Resource (*inaudible*) a union company?

PETE SCHIEL: They are, we'll go ahead and do the union scale, or the fair market value, but they are not a union shop.

ALD CURTIS: And then the second question I had, I see this evaluation was dated July, 31st. I'm trying to remember when we closed. Did we do this during our investigation of the roof or was this done after we purchased the building?

PETE SCHIEL: During our initial investigating process. Do you recall Elizabeth, when we actually closed?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: I've got it right here, I can look while you all continue to discuss. I've got it right here.

PETE SCHIEL: Yeah, we were doing a lot of investigation prior to during the entire closing process.

ALD CURTIS: I guess the question is, with significant work that needs to be done. Couldn't we have negotiated a better deal?

PETE SCHIEL: Yeah, I think we did negotiate a little bit. Mayor, maybe

you can share that Burt was able to get some, some of the costs down.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I think they were asking like \$450,000. - \$475,000.

ALD CURTIS: Yeah, I think they're asking \$450,000. So, we bought it for \$425,000 which is about \$20 a square foot, which is about the going rate for a building in Kankakee of that age. But that's also the proper rate when the rest is in good repair and a lot of other things. I just, this, this is like paying almost \$700,000 per building. I think that's a concern, I mean, I think we should have. I wish I would have known that this was an issue back then, because that's something that should have definitely been negotiated on I with the seller. You're going to get all that discounted, but there should be a significant discount with a roof only lasting one to two years or three years at best.

PETE SCHIEL: We were told by the previous owner that the Indiana building was patched, and that the Harrison building was in decent shape, based on you know what was shared with us.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Elizabeth, they were asking \$450,000. Didn't we pay \$400,000?

ELIZABETH KUBAL: It was \$425,000. We had a down payment and then I just looked at the wire transfers of around \$404,000, and the closing was September 18th, 2020

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: I know that there was discussion about the roof because several Aldermen went over to visit this property and they did discuss that. I don't remember the listing price.

PETE SCHIEL: I know that Aldermen Osenga and I, we kind of looked at that too in the Indiana building some of those concerns, also.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Any other discussion. Okay, we will go to a Roll Call.

CLARA HALL: Alderman Tall?

ALD TALL: This is for the lessor of the two bids, right? (*inaudible*)?

PETE SCHIEL: Yes.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes.

CLARA HALL:	Ald Tall – I vote Yes	Ald Swanson - Aye
	Ald Prude – Aye	Ald Curtis - No
	Ald Gall - Aye	Ald Tetter – Absent
	Ald Osenga - Aye	Clerk Dumas – Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motion carries.
Item B: Republic Waste Hauler Services Proposal.
I'll defer to Mike McGrath on this.

MIKE MCGRATH: Thank you Mayor, good evening everyone. Actually, heard from our office took the lead on this and worked with a lot of conversations with Republic, to extend the contract. The terms are very favorable to the city and its residents for extending the contract for five years. The first year, the price that you're currently paying per household will remain the same. That is a be no increase at all. The five-year contract, starting in year two, the increase will be 4% rather than the 4 1/2 percent and Republic was asking for. There also is the roll off container devices that he can explain its value to the city of about \$15,000-\$18,000 per year. It's a very good contract given the, the uncertainty of what's going on with COVID, you know, your provider if you're going to be saving at least \$100,000 in year one, along with the additional monies in the following years. So, it is our recommendation that you approve this contract and Pete I don't know if you have anything else to add based upon the conversations.

PETE SCHIEL: Yeah, the other feedback is the solid waste that has been disposed because kids are at home from school, number one, and parents are working from home. The increase in solid waste is 20 to 30% right now. Keep in mind to the roll off boxes that Mike was alluding to kind of helped remember when we had flooding in different areas of the city. Those roll off boxes were put in strategic locations throughout the entire city and no cost to the city. Due to that benefit so just wanted to clarify those items. Thanks

MIKE MCGRATH: I would also add recycling. The recycling was aware that there was some issues with contaminated recycling. Earlier this year, they're going to continue to pick up the recycling as they have in terms of the contract are the same. And they will continue to monitor and if there's issues involved the city like they have in the past.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright, May I have a motion to approve

ALD SWANSON: Mayor, I will make that motion.

ALD PRUDE: I will second, Mayor.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderwoman Swanson and Seconded by Alderman Prude. Any discussion? Alderman Curtis?

ALD CURTIS: I saw on the contract we had a reduction in houses, before I think it was 7600 down to 7000. Is that about the same number Pete, that we're dealing with here.

PETE SCHIEL: Yeah and what we can do is we'll confirm once we solidify this, we can work with Aqua and the Republic Representatives just to make sure we're on track.

ALD CURTIS: Regarding the one-year time check, I don't we ever see what that option was? I guess my concern is, as I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, that you know, the alleyways we haven't discussed the boulevards some of those things in nature, I'm fearful we go into a five year right now, we've lost all leverage for another five years. The concern is every neighborhood meeting I go to and I think Alderman Cobbs is the same. I don't believe he's on here. It's just we get raided with questions about the services right now, and I just feel like if we go into a five year right now there is no negotiation I these items for another five years. What does the one-year alternative have for us in store of pricing.

PETE SCHIEL: I'd like to address the, you know, we need to know about those things specifically if you can email those things. Every time that we've brought items to Ernie and Republic, they're right on top of it. So, if we can have that documented. A lot of times we hear about items in the neighborhood meetings but they're never really passed on. I know that there were some issues with the boulevards and they did, establish some bump outs in some of those boulevard areas. In fact, Dennis, Burt, and I ended up checking out a couple of those last week. So that's all we ask is, if all the Aldermen, if we can get those specific details. Republic has always been really good with us to address those items. Mike Can you address the other...

MIKE MCGRATH:

You know what I would just chime in. You know this is going to be the third five-year extension with the city with Republic, it's been done two prior times and deal with the Ernie Lopez and Republic, we deal with them in a couple other communities as Pete was saying they're responsive. If you give him a list of issues, just in experienced in dealing with them with the recycling. They're willing to meet within 48 to 72 hours and get right back the communication lines between the city and Republic, I think is very good. And again, to piggyback if there's any issues I would just let them know. If they don't resolve the issues, then you have a contractual issue with the provider that you can take-action on.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: This item has been on the agenda for six weeks, and I know that, Ernie, I thought you mentioned Alderman Curtis that he was going to come to License and Franchise.

ALD CURTIS: Yeah, he didn't come because of COVID.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, alright.

ALD CURTIS: Prior obligation so I did bring this up, I think it was four weeks ago but I think I sent an email to you Mayor and we talked about it. So, I just...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Did you did you propose any solutions with Republic?

ALD CURTIS: I really believe that they are a good company. I know Ernie is a great guy, but I'm just concerned. There seems to be. I don't think I'm the only Alderman, I'll let the other speak.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alderman Cobbs has mentioned this, but again this has been on the agenda for six weeks and I thought you all were gonna have some discussion with him in License and Franchise. So, is there anything that you all have proposed that she want to happen? Because, I've asked you guys to give me feedback, and I don't have anything that's been proposed that she would like to see done.

ALD SWANSON: Mayor, could I ask...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, Alderwoman Swanson.

ALD SWANSON:

Sorry about my camera not working. But I was chair for License and Franchise for a long time, and Ernie has always been very responsive to come to the meetings to get things taken care of. I mean, it is a great company and I'm sorry Chris I haven't had one person in my ward ever called me about a gerbil issue. And today is the first day I heard that your ward was having difficulties with it but, I mean, I think the five-year contract, that's a better deal for citizens and like I said today's the first time I've even heard of complaints about the truck damage and stuff like that. I'm sure, Ernie has always been responsive and, you know, address those issues to him. I don't understand why he wouldn't take care of about.

ALD CURTIS:

It has been...

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you Alderwoman Swanson. I was told that the route was changed or something. Did that happen in your ward Alderman Curtis? The trucks coming...

ALD CURTIS:

I talked to Ernie a couple weeks ago. He said that they're going to come in some different ways but it is still driving up on the boulevards that happened as of last Friday. They're just so big they just can't make those turns its impossible. Last summer, not this summer but last summer we used our MFT money to create one bump out to try and see if that would be a solution and it's still didn't 100% solve it (*inaudible*) expenditure.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Did it improve?

ALD CURTIS:

It got a little better but still unsolved going into the boulevards. And then I'm just in general just the alleys in general. I can't be the only Alderman to talk because several people will discuss this in the past.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Alderwoman Gall, I saw your hand and then I'll get you Alderman Osenga.

ALD GALL:

I just wanted to I mean, I agree with everyone here I think Republic is great, they always respond to me anytime I need their help, but, you know, we don't have the same type of area that Chris has in my ward but just you know normal blocks those trucks really just can't make the turns will really ruin the corners and I used my MFT money on that. And I don't think that this is anything that they can just

change or do differently. It's just their trunks are too big. So that was my question. I sent you an email to just kind of wondering like do all the garbage companies have the same size truck is this a standard now they're not made for a city that as old as ours. I don't know what the solution is, but I didn't know what if we would be penalized or not. I guess was my question, if we did the one year to try, we'd pay for it in other ways I think we, you know, have those large trucks kind of ruining. Some of the, you know, it's nothing that Ernie. Nothing against him or anything like that but definitely, it's definitely an issue of my ward too and I did try to mention that when we got the update from you so.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Mike McGrath, Are you familiar with these size trucks? Do they have different size trucks are the standard for garbage companies?

MIKE MCGRATH: Mayor, I don't know again off hand. I would just suggest making a list of where there's problems. If there's any photos that could be taken, running over curbs, or the grass or doing any damage. I'll reach out to Ernie, to see if they have smaller vehicles that can go in different portions of the city. I just don't want to represent what they have other than those trucks.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alderman Osenga?

ALD OSENGA: I've talked about it before I'm just going to address it again My concern is we have a lot of alleys in the 3rd Ward, and these big trucks are just absolutely destroying the alleys. I got an estimate last fall, when we were doing MFT stuff to repair one out and it was \$62,000 just to do it. And I've got alleys all over town and I'm getting calls from people. What are you going to do, how are you going to fix this? I read the contract, and they say they're not responsible for any damage in the alley. So, I don't really think there's anything we can do but it is disheartening to see, we're going to end up spending MFT money to repair alleys instead of streets.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Well MFT money is for alleys and streets. Alderman Tall?

ALD TALL: Yes, thank you. I guess my only concern was is that we only had one contract before us. We received this in June. I think we should have gone out for bid, just to make it competitive. I believe that Republic is a good company.

There is times when they overlook things and you have to call them back to take care of it, such as leaving the large items out for two to three weeks. Failure to pick up in certain areas on their given days, but they try to correct. I still think that we needed to go out for bid. I think anything over \$2,500 or \$5,000 according to our Municipal Code should be bid out. It's just responsible. I think that's a good thing for us to have competitive bids, that's my *(inaudible)*.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you. Alderman Tall. Alderman Brown, you and Alderwomen Swanson are the most seasoned. I know this was renewed before in terms of bids. Did you have anything?

ALD BROWN:

Thank you Mayor, I do. First of all, I want to say that I don't think Republic is gonna reduce traffic trucks, number one, they do provide good services. The fact of the matter is the alleys been a problem and all wards, not only in the 6th or 3rd, it's all alleys, if you got an alley in your ward, then those trucks have created problems. But here's the thing that I look at the most. I looked at the fact that is that even though you saving the money on the on your fees, your rates are set that basically every year, they increase in increments. That's why they've been set up for years and the reason they do that is because by ordinance, you must support your operation at ESU. That's what I was taught and that's what I was told. The other thing is to. If you gotta savings, I think you should set that saving aside and designate the money for alley repairs. That way you won't have to use your MFT money to repair alleys, because I think that the repair alley from a garbage truck or utility that is destroying the alleys, you have a good reason to save that money. I think you need five years to do that study, because at the end of five years. If you're not successful, then you need to look at plan another vendor with smaller size trucks. I think this is the time that you need to do that. I think legal can look at the contract, Elizbeth can look at it to see how that money could be designated. Because you could repair alleys by ward, there is never going to be enough money to repair all the wards at once, but you could use that savings and put it in certain designated areas, and as well as you can do education program. I got one lady over here that spent her money on those corners in and Republic have not run over something them like that. And maybe we can do a partnership with that, if people would do that maybe we can do a partnership that. There are

things we could do in five years and we could do an evaluation and study, to make sure that the problem is fixed. As you know, in 2016 and 15. Because our rate was so good we had a budget deficit because we didn't want to raise rates, and have a surplus of money. So, I think that this is the time to look at that and see what it would be. But it's excellent time to put that savings into a special account and start repairs on the alleys that's problematic. Thank you.

ALD SWANSON: Mayor, Can I say one more thing to please?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, Alderwoman Swanson.

ALD SWANSON: If you guys remember back before we had these garbage can receptacles that they have now with Republic. I mean the garbage situation in the alleys were a complete mess. And having these kind of garbage cans, made a huge difference in the cleanliness of our alleys. I don't believe that, I don't know, I've never really looked at the size of garbage trucks but, maybe that's the size of garbage trucks, you need to handle those receptacles. And I'm telling you, just, I mean, not that bunch older than all of you guys but the garbage in the alleys were a mess. Before we got these kind of containers. I don't think there's anything you can do about the size of the trucks with those containers. That's all.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Alderwoman Swanson.

ALD BROWN: Mayor may I make one other statement?

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Yes, Alderman Brown.

ALD BROWN: Before we had Republic and I think Republic in waste management (*inaudible*) every year, every six months, I think, ABC would make an adjustment in a budget because the contract read that basically they could be reimbursed from any losses and stuff like every six months, those bills were around \$200,000 to \$300,000. So, I think this is a good, good chance, and I think we should give this five-year chance, along with, putting that money aside.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright. Do we have any other discussion? Motion to approve.

ALD SWANSON: I already made that motion. I think I did.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, did we have, we had a motion and a second. Prude were you the second?

ALD PRUDE: Yes, we did that already.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay, we will do a Roll Call.

CLARA HALL:	Ald Tall – No	Ald Swanson - Aye
	Ald Prude – Yes	Ald Curtis - No
	Ald Gall - Aye	Ald Tetters – Absent
	Ald Osenga - Aye	Clerk Dumas – Absent

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Alright. Motion carries. Pete, any need for an executive session?

PETE SCHIEL: We don't. Thank you, Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Okay. Motion to adjourn please.

ALD PRUDE: So move Mayor.

ALD GALL: I'll second.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Motioned by Alderman Prude and Seconded by Alderwoman Gall. All in favor, Aye?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MAYOR WELLS-ARMSTRONG: Opposed? We are adjourned. Thank you.